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December 1975 to January 1976 Changes

NOVA SCOTIA	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
Labour Force	- 6	+ 4
Employed	- 8	+ 3
Unemployed	+ 3	+ 1
Unemployment Rate (%)	+ 1.0	+ 0.2
Participation Rate (%)	- 1.2	+ 0.5

ANALYSIS [1]

Statistics Canada reported that for the week ending January 17, 1976, the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) stood at 7.9 percent for Nova Scotia while for Canada as a whole, the jobless rate declined by 0.4 percentage points to January's level of 6.6 percent.

The provincial unemployment rate of 7.9 percent was an increase of 0.2 percentage points over December's level of 7.7 percent. A year-over-year comparison shows that the jobless rate has jumped significantly with the rate rising from 6.7 percent in January, 1975 to 7.9 percent in January, 1976.

The number of people active in the provincial labour market increased by 4,000 during the past month. This is reflected as well in the provincial participation rate where a 0.5 percentage point increase was reported. This rise in labour force numbers was not, however, matched by an equal increase in employment as the numbers jobholders increased by 3,000 persons. The number of people unemployed during January stood at 26,000, an increase of 1,000 over December's figure.

Actual data has revealed an increase in the unemployment rate with figures showing 9.1 percent of the labour force unemployed in January as compared to 8.2 percent in December. The unemployment rate a year ago at this time was 8.2 percent.

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Actual	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
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JULY	578	337	310	27	8.0	58.3
AUG.	579	338	316	22	6.5	58.4
SEPT.	580	329	304	25	7.6	56.7
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DEC.	583	321	295	26	8.1	55.1
AVERAGE 1975	578	320	295	25	7.8	55.3
1976 - JAN.	585	315	287	29	9.1	53.9

TABLE 2: - NOVA SCOTIA LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	January, 1976	December, 1975
TOTAL	315	321
Men	199	204
Women	117	117
15 - 24 years	89	93
25 and over	226	228

The monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 315,000 during January. This represented a decrease of 6,000 over the total reported in the last period and an increase of 13,000 over January 1975. The decrease in labour force numbers was found in both major age groupings with the 15 - 24 year's grouping experiencing a decline of 4,000 persons while those 25 and over saw their numbers decrease by 2,000 persons.

The male component of the labour force accounted wholly for the decline with a decrease of 5,000 persons while the female component remained constant at 117,000.

* Due to the small size of the sample the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

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TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	JAN.	9,945	10,244	9,145	9,563	800	681	8.0	6.6	59.6	61.3
	DEC.	10,094	10,193	9,402	9,480	693	713	6.9	7.0	60.6	61.2
NOVA SCOTIA	JAN.	315	328	287	302	29	26	9.1	7.9	53.9	56.1
	DEC.	321	324	295	299	26	25	8.1	7.7	55.1	55.6
NEW BRUNSWICK	JAN.	245	264	215	234	30	30	12.2	11.4	51.1	55.0
	DEC.	252	261	226	237	27	24	10.5	9.2	52.8	54.6
NEW-FOUNDLAND	JAN.	166	173	141	153	25	20	14.9	11.6	45.3	47.3
	DEC.	175	180	151	155	24	25	13.8	13.9	48.0	49.3
P. E. I.	JAN.	45	50	40	46	*	*	*	*	53.4	59.5
	DEC.	45	49	41	44	*	*	*	*	54.1	58.3
QUEBEC	JAN.	2,631	2,725	2,390	2,511	241	214	9.1	7.9	56.9	59.0
	DEC.	2,670	2,706	2,454	2,475	216	231	8.1	8.5	57.9	58.7
ONTARIO	JAN.	3,835	3,912	3,562	3,691	273	221	7.1	5.6	63.0	64.3
	DEC.	3,893	3,900	3,647	3,646	246	254	6.3	6.5	64.1	64.2

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TABLE 4: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,145	287	215	2,390	3,562
Goods - producing	2,991	79	-	807	1,213
Agriculture	416	8	-	66	98
Other Primary	214	12	-	46	54
Manufacturing	1,834	41	30	578	865
Construction	527	18	17	117	196
Service - producing	6,154	209	-	1,584	2,349
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	822	29	25	234	254
Trade	1,642	59	43	396	638
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	471	13	-	112	204
Community Business & Personal Services	2,555	81	60	680	988
Public Administration	664	27	21	162	265

Total employment in Nova Scotia in January was 287,000 in actual terms, a decrease of 8,000 from the preceding month.

The total decrease in employment was found wholly in the goods - producing sector of the economy where a decline of 8,000 persons was recorded. Within this sector both the other primary and construction industries experienced declines of 3,000 persons while manufacturing saw its employment level decrease by 2,000 persons. The only increase for this sector was in agriculture where employment increased by 1,000 persons to 8,000.

The service - producing sector of the economy over the December - January period had its employment level increased by 1,000 persons. Within this sector a decrease of 1,000 persons was recorded in only the transportation, communications, and other utilities industries while increases of 1,000 were experienced in the community business and personal services industries and public administration.

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TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX
(ACTUAL SERIES)
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Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,145	287	215	2,390	3,562
Male	5,744	180	133	1,545	2,194
Female	3,400	107	82	845	1,368
Age Categories					
14 - 24 years	2,229	75	59	595	816
25 and over	6,916	211	155	1,795	2,746
15 - 19 years	857	27	21	212	323
20 - 24 years	1,372	48	39	383	493
25 - 44 years	4,204	125	94	1,139	1,653
45 - 64 years	2,533	81	58	614	1,020
65 and over	179	6	*	42	73

Actual employment during January was 287,000, down by 8,000 from December's level of 295,000. The decline was found almost wholly in the male component where the employment level dropped by 8,000 persons while the number of employed females decreased by 1,000 to 107,000.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the decrease was almost evenly divided between the major age groupings. Those in the age category 15 - 24 years saw their numbers decline by 4,000 while those 25 and over recorded a decrease of 5,000 persons.

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The unemployment rate in Nova Scotia decreased 0.3 percentage points in February to a level of 7.6 percent. A year over year comparison shows that the jobless rate has risen somewhat with the rate increasing from 7.3 percent in February 1975 to 7.6 percent in February 1976.

The number of people active in the provincial labour market increased marginally during the month with a rise of only 1,000 in the total labour force. The participation rate for the same period showed no change in remaining at 56.1 percent. While the increase in labour force numbers was only 1,000 persons, the increase in employment was 2,000 persons bringing the total up to 304,000 persons in February. The number of people unemployed during the month stood at 25,000, a decrease of 1,000 persons.

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1973 - JAN.	282	262	20	7.1	51.6
FEB.	284	265	19	6.7	51.9
MAR.	294	274	20	6.8	53.6
APR.	299	279	20	6.7	54.5
MAY	294	274	20	6.8	53.5
JUNE	295	275	20	6.8	53.4
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AUG.	297	278	19	6.4	53.6
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	JAN.	45	50	40	46	*	*	*	*	53.4	59.5
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(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,978	315	245	2,635	3,837
Male	6,237	197	154	1,696	2,336
Female	3,741	118	91	939	1,501
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,598	88	72	712	922
25 and over	7,380	227	173	1,923	2,915
15 - 19 years	1,034	33	27	256	379
20 - 24 years	1,564	55	45	456	543
25 - 44 years	4,522	134	107	1,226	1,769
45 - 64 years	2,673	87	63	658	1,066
65 and over	186	6	*	40	80

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The male component of the labour force during February showed a decline of 2,000 persons over January's figure while the female component increased marginally by 1,000 persons for the same period.

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TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

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Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,178	286	215	2,380	3,575
Male	5,750	178	134	1,531	2,191
Female	3,428	107	81	849	1,384
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,228	73	58	588	810
25 and over	6,950	212	156	1,792	2,765
15 - 19 years	851	26	21	203	318
20 - 24 years	1,377	47	37	385	492
25 - 44 years	4,230	124	95	1,140	1,666
45 - 64 years	2,540	83	59	613	1,021
65 and over	180	6	*	39	77

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An examination of employment by age reveals that the total decrease was found among young people. Those in the age category 15 - 24 years saw their numbers decline by 2,000 persons while those 25 and over recorded an increase of 1,000 persons.

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Manufacturing	1,842	39	32	574	866
Construction	544	17	17	125	200
Service - producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	815	28	24	219	266
Trade	1,615	58	41	388	626
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	481	11	-	118	208
Community Business & Personal Services	2,579	83	61	687	993
Public Administration	667	29	20	164	263

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the month of February was 286,000, a decrease of 1,000 persons from the preceding month.

Declines in employment were found in both major sectors of the economy. The goods - producing sector recorded decreases in all its industries except the other primary industries which showed no change in its employment levels for the period. The most significant decline was in manufacturing where a decrease of 2,000 persons was found.

The service - producing sector over the January - February period had employment levels decrease in transportation, communication and other utilities (1,000 persons), trade (1,000 persons) and finance, insurance and real estate (2,000 persons) while increases of 2,000 were found in community business and personal services and public administration.

NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,178	286	215	2,380	3,575
Managerial	2,120	62	44	581	854
Clerical	1,632	50	39	433	660
Sales	1,000	34	22	228	407
Service	1,132	40	29	291	432
Primary Occupations	528	16	-	83	128
Processing	1,464	36	33	461	611
Construction	585	23	19	127	212
Transportation	370	14	11	89	133
Material Handlings & Other Crafts	348	11	-	89	137

Total employment in all occupations for the month of February declined to 286,000, a decrease of 1,000 over January's figure. Managerial occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 62,000.

A decrease in employment of 2,000 occurred in sales occupations while declines of 1,000 were found in primary and construction occupations. Increases of 1,000 were reported in the clerical and transportation categories while a rise of 2,000 took place for service occupations.

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SPECIAL NOTE

The labour force information contained in this report is based on the revised labour force survey which was introduced in January of this year. Statistics Canada has been developing a number of substantial modifications to the Labour Force Survey during the past three years. These changes have now been implemented and the data contained in this and subsequent reports will be based on the revised survey.

The information in this report at this time is not complete. Several tables which are usually included have been left out but will be published when the new data becomes available.

FOREWARD

The monthly reviews, in summary form, Provincial and National adjustments in the labour force activity during the year including a year-over-year analysis.

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained from a sample survey of households conducted by Statistics Canada. Estimates of employment, unemployment and non-labour force activity refer to a specific week covered by the survey each month. The survey sample represents all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in Canada with the exception of those in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Indians living on reserves, inmates of institutions and members of the Armed Forces. These excluded categories amount to about three percent of the total population 15 years of age and over.

The data and analysis presented in the foregoing tables are only intended as an overall insight into labour force activity and composition. A certain amount of more detailed information is available upon request from the Nova Scotia Department of Labour.

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HIGHLIGHTS

	1976	
	February to March Changes	
NOVA SCOTIA	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
Labour Force	- 1	- 1
Employed	- 2	- 3
Unemployed	+ 1	+ 2
Unemployment Rate (%)	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Participation Rate (%)	- 0.3	- 0.2

ANALYSIS [1]

Statistics Canada reported that for the week ending March 21, 1976, the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) stood at 8.2 percent for Nova Scotia while for Canada as a whole the jobless rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to March's level of 6.9 percent.

In Nova Scotia the unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 8.2 percent for the month of March. A year-over-year comparison shows that the jobless rate has risen somewhat with the rate increasing from 7.7 percent in March 1975 to 8.2 percent in March 1976.

During the month, the number of people active in the provincial labour markets totalled 328,000, a decrease of 1,000 over February's figure. The participation rate for the same period declined by 0.2 percentage points. While the decline in labour force numbers was only 1,000 persons, the decrease in employment was 3,000 persons, thus, increasing the jobless number by 2,000 persons. The number of people unemployed during the month stood at 27,000 persons.

Actual data has revealed an increase in the unemployment rate with figures showing 9.5 percent of the labour force unemployed in March as compared to 9.2 percent in February. The unemployment rate a year ago at this time was 8.5 percent.

[1] The variances between actual and seasonally-adjusted data from month to month in the labour force survey is attributable to the seasonal factor being particularly strong during specific times of the year. The seasonal factor (as calculated from examining past labour force data for the province) must be removed from the actual figures in order to discern the expected or normal changes in the monthly labour force figures relative to those in the previous and preceding months. One can then determine movement in the labour force due to cyclical and irregular economic factors apart from the fluctuations caused by non-economic and seasonal factors such as climate, crop cycles, holidays and vacations.

TABLE 1: - SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA

(ACTUAL)

	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1973 - JAN.	546	271	248	23	8.5	49.6
FEB.	547	272	249	23	8.5	49.7
MAR.	549	281	260	21	7.5	51.2
APR.	549	289	268	21	7.3	52.6
MAY	550	299	280	19	6.4	54.4
JUNE	552	306	288	18	5.9	55.4
JULY	553	316	293	23	7.3	47.1
AUG.	554	315	297	18	5.7	56.9
SEPT.	555	296	279	17	5.7	53.3
OCT.	556	300	283	17	5.7	54.0
NOV.	557	304	286	18	5.9	54.6
DEC.	558	303	285	18	5.9	54.3
AVERAGE 1973	552	296	276	20	6.8	53.6
1974 - JAN.	559	305	281	24	7.9	54.6
FEB.	560	302	276	26	8.6	53.9
MAR.	561	301	278	23	7.6	53.7
APR.	562	302	281	21	7.0	53.7
MAY	563	315	298	17	5.4	56.0
JUNE	564	325	307	18	5.5	57.6
JULY	566	336	314	22	6.5	59.4
AUG.	567	336	315	21	6.3	59.3
SEPT.	568	319	298	21	6.6	56.2
OCT.	569	317	297	20	6.3	55.7
NOV.	570	318	297	21	6.6	55.8
DEC.	571	314	289	25	8.0	55.0
AVERAGE 1974	565	316	294	22	7.0	55.9
1975 - JAN.	572	302	277	25	8.2	52.8
FEB.	573	301	274	27	8.9	52.5
MAR.	574	300	275	26	8.5	52.4
APR.	575	309	281	28	8.9	53.7
MAY	576	326	299	27	8.3	56.6
JUNE	577	331	310	21	6.3	57.4
JULY	578	337	310	27	8.0	58.3
AUG.	579	337	316	22	6.4	58.2
SEPT.	580	330	304	25	7.7	56.8
OCT.	581	324	302	22	6.8	55.7
NOV.	582	319	296	23	7.3	54.7
DEC.	583	322	295	26	8.2	55.1
AVERAGE 1975	578	320	295	25	7.8	55.3
1976 - JAN.	585	315	287	29	9.1	53.9
FEB.	586	315	286	29	9.2	53.7
MAR.	587	314	284	30	9.5	53.4

TABLE 2: - SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA

(SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED)

	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1973 - JAN.	282	262	20	7.1	51.6
FEB.	284	265	19	6.7	51.9
MAR.	294	274	20	6.8	53.6
APR.	299	279	20	6.7	54.5
MAY	294	274	20	6.8	53.5
JUNE	295	275	20	6.8	53.4
JULY	294	274	20	6.8	53.2
AUG.	297	278	19	6.4	53.6
SEPT.	297	277	20	6.7	53.5
OCT.	300	280	20	6.7	54.0
NOV.	307	286	21	6.8	55.1
DEC.	308	290	18	5.8	55.2
AVERAGE 1973	296	276	20	6.8	53.6
1974 - JAN.	318	297	21	6.6	56.9
FEB.	316	294	22	7.0	56.4
MAR.	314	293	21	6.7	56.0
APR.	313	293	20	6.4	55.7
MAY	309	292	17	5.5	54.9
JUNE	314	293	21	6.7	55.7
JULY	314	294	20	6.4	55.5
AUG.	318	295	23	7.2	56.1
SEPT.	320	296	24	7.5	56.3
OCT.	317	294	23	7.3	55.7
NOV.	321	297	24	7.5	56.3
DEC.	317	293	24	7.6	55.5
AVERAGE 1974	316	294	22	7.0	55.9
1975 - JAN.	314	293	21	6.7	54.9
FEB.	315	292	23	7.3	55.0
MAR.	313	289	24	7.7	54.5
APR.	319	293	26	8.2	55.5
MAY	321	293	28	8.7	55.7
JUNE	320	296	24	7.5	55.5
JULY	314	290	24	7.6	54.3
AUG.	320	296	24	7.5	55.3
SEPT.	332	303	29	8.7	57.2
OCT.	325	300	25	7.7	55.9
NOV.	322	296	26	8.1	55.3
DEC.	324	299	25	7.7	55.6
AVERAGE 1975	320	295	25	7.8	55.4
1976 - JAN.	328	302	26	7.9	56.1
FEB.	329	304	25	7.6	56.1
MAR.	328	301	27	8.2	55.9

TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	MAR.	10,019	10,320	9,259	9,607	759	713	7.6	6.9	59.8	61.6
	FEB.	9,978	10,260	9,178	9,541	800	719	8.0	7.0	59.6	61.3
NOVA SCOTIA	MAR.	314	328	284	301	30	27	9.5	8.2	53.4	55.9
	FEB.	315	329	286	304	29	25	9.2	7.6	53.7	56.1
NEW BRUNSWICK	MAR.	242	261	212	231	31	30	12.6	11.5	50.3	54.1
	FEB.	245	260	215	231	31	29	12.6	11.2	51.0	54.1
NEW-FOUNDLAND	MAR.	168	179	143	155	25	24	14.7	13.4	45.7	48.6
	FEB.	165	175	140	152	25	23	15.4	13.1	45.0	47.7
P.E.I.	MAR.	46	49	41	45	*	*	*	*	53.9	58.3
	FEB.	46	51	40	47	*	*	*	*	55.0	60.7
QUEBEC	MAR.	2,623	2,706	2,402	2,498	221	208	8.4	7.7	56.6	58.4
	FEB.	2,635	2,728	2,380	2,495	255	233	9.7	8.5	56.9	58.9
ONTARIO	MAR.	3,859	3,944	3,596	3,698	263	246	6.8	6.2	63.2	64.6
	FEB.	3,837	3,899	3,575	3,668	262	231	6.8	5.9	62.9	63.9

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,019	314	242	2,623	3,859
Male	6,253	197	154	1,685	2,344
Female	3,765	116	89	939	1,515
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,619	86	74	703	938
25 and over	7,399	227	169	1,920	2,921
15 - 19 years	1,048	32	28	258	384
20 - 24 years	1,571	55	46	446	554
25 - 44 years	4,538	133	105	1,225	1,777
45 - 64 years	2,683	88	61	659	1,069
65 and over	179	6	*	36	74

The monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 314,000 during March. This level represented a decline of 1,000 persons from February's figure but an increase of 14,000 over March 1975. Minor changes occurred in the major age groupings with the 15 - 24 years grouping showing a decline of 2,000 persons while those 25 and over saw their numbers remain constant at 227,000.

The female component of the labour force during March showed a decline of 2,000 persons over February's figure while the male component showed no change for the period.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,259	284	212	2,402	3,596
Male	5,798	178	134	1,538	2,206
Female	3,461	106	78	865	1,390
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,271	71	61	609	821
25 and over	6,988	213	151	1,793	2,775
15 - 19 years	878	26	22	219	320
20 - 24 years	1,393	45	39	390	501
25 - 44 years	4,263	123	92	1,142	1,680
45 - 64 years	2,551	84	56	615	1,022
65 and over	174	6	*	36	73

Actual employment during March was 284,000, down by 2,000 from February's level of 286,000. The decline was found wholly in the female component where the employment level dropped by 1,000 persons while the number of employed males remained unchanged at 178,000.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the total decrease was found among young people. Those in the age category 15 - 24 years saw their numbers decline by 2,000 persons while those 25 and over recorded an increase of 1,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,259	284	212	2,402	3,596
Goods - producing					
Agriculture	414	7	5	62	97
Other Primary	217	12	-	45	54
Manufacturing	1,884	39	31	584	891
Construction	541	16	14	122	195
Service - producing					
Transporation, Comm. & Other Utilities	816	28	24	216	268
Trade	1,631	54	43	386	633
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	486	13	-	123	206
Community Business & Personal Services	2,588	85	59	698	979
Public Administration	682	30	19	165	272

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the month of March was 284,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the preceding month.

Declines in employment were found in both major sectors of the economy. The goods - producing sector recorded a decrease of 1,000 persons in the construction industry while the remaining industries showed no change in their employment figures.

The service - producing sector over the February - March period had an employment level decrease in trade (4,000 persons) while increases were found in finance, insurance and real estate (2,000 persons), community business and personal services (2,000 persons) and public administration (1,000 persons).

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,259	284	212	2,402	3,596
Managerial	2,117	62	46	583	841
Clerical	1,661	50	39	436	676
Sales	1,008	32	21	234	408
Service	1,147	40	28	291	440
Primary Occupations	535	17	10	86	128
Processing	1,481	35	32	468	623
Construction	586	22	16	125	209
Transporation	365	15	10	88	127
Material Handlings & Other Crafts	360	11	-	91	145

Total employment in all occupations for the month of March declined to 284,000, a decrease of 2,000 over February's figure. Managerial occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 62,000.

A decrease in employment of 2,000 occurred in sales occupations while declines of 1,000 were found in processing and construction occupations. Increases of 1,000 were reported in the primary and transportation occupations.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.